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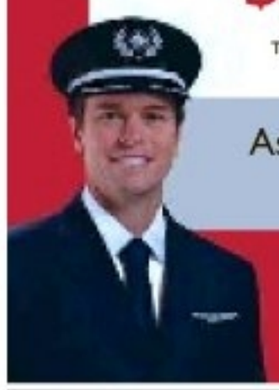

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Coffee price up — for girls

INEQUALITY

Shop charges women $5 to draw attention to 'Pink Tax'

Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

Would you like your coffee with a side of inequality?

That's what was on the menu of Toronto's Tokyo Smoke Found for one special day.

"Don't know if you've noticed our menu today, but we actually charge based on gender," the barista tells a customer in a video posted to YouTube, in front of a menu marked with prices for women in pink.

Large drip coffee? That'll be $3.50 if you're a man but an even $5 if you're a woman.

> **Don't know if you've noticed our menu today; we actually charge based on gender.** Barista

The reaction to the discrepancy was not positive but that's the point.

The video aims to raise awareness about the "Pink Tax," which is blamed for women paying more than men for the exact same services and products.

How many times have you been baffled by how inexpensive men's haircuts are or shocked by how much a dress costs to dry clean?

Needless to say, the shop's customers, both men and women, are not happy with the price difference.

Some of the shop's customers had stronger words: "That's f--king weird" — while others walked away empty handed.

STANDING TOGETHER
RESIDENTS HOLD VIGIL FOR MISSING, MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN
People participate in a vigil for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls taking place at Allan Gardens in downtown Toronto on Tuesday. The number of Indigenous women that have gone missing or have been murdered in Canada over the past four decades is estimated to be between 1,200 and 4,000. During the ceremony, Cyndy Baskin, a Ryerson professor and board member of the Native Women's Resource Centre, said: "Our job is not to tell mainstream society what they need to do to reconcile with us. That's their job." EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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Poll: Bike lanes supported
Seven in 10 Torontonians support bike lanes generally and a majority approve of the new lanes on Bloor Street West, according to a new Forum Research poll revealed this week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Accused pleads guilty in death of Toronto scholar
A man accused of killing a prominent Toronto-born legal scholar in the U.S. pleaded guilty in a Florida court on Tuesday, marking a major development in a case authorities have called a murder for hire motivated by an acrimonious divorce.

Tallahassee police have alleged the killing of Dan Markel was a murder for hire triggered by his divorce from his ex-wife.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Peel residents call for police chief to resign
Residents and community groups demanded the resignation of Peel police Chief Jennifer Evans, citing a growing mistrust of the force, at a meeting in Brampton Tuesday evening. "Carding needs to stop," said La Tanya Grant. "Carding is what killed Jermaine Carby.... If he wasn't carded that day, my cousin Jermaine would still be here. I feel that Chief Evans needs to resign. She's condoning carding."
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Stores locking down booze

CRIME

BottleLox coming to 130 outlets across the province

Ontario tipplers of vodka, rum and other spirits take note: A lot of your booze will be on lockdown at LCBO stores starting this fall.

To battle chronic shoplifting, the liquor agency says it's putting big, plastic caps called BottleLox on various, high-theft brands of spirits that can only be removed by staff at checkout, much like clothing security tags.

The LCBO quietly started locking liquor bottles on its shelves last fall as a pilot project in 10 locations, including the flagship Queen's Quay store, where a thief made off with a rare bottle of 50-year-old Glenfiddich scotch worth $26,000 in 2013.

The locks have proven so efficient as a theft deterrent that the giant booze retailer has decided to roll them out in all regions across the province at 130 "strategic locations," an LCBO spokesperson confirmed Tuesday.

The LCBO has been putting BottleLox mainly on larger bottles of spirits. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"They really are working well, and they've been a good return-on-investment," noted the LCBO's Genevieve Tomney.

In 2015, high-end vodka Grey Goose had to be kept in a secure location in many stores because of its high-theft rate, so Bacardi, the brand owner, approached the LCBO last October with the idea of locking the bottles to move the product back to the floor for better exposure, she said.

Bacardi initially supplied the LCBO with enough BottleLox for Grey Goose in 10 stores. After a couple months, the LCBO was so impressed with the results it started putting the devices on other brands — mainly larger bottles of vodka, including Smirnoff, a top seller, and also Bacardi white rum.

"The results were phenomenal," said Lou Recchi, LCBO's district manager for the Toronto core area.

"Some stores that were writing off quite a few units of product due to theft were suddenly only writing off one or two bottles," he said.

The LCBO says it lost more than $16 million in fiscal 2015-2016 as a result of theft — or 0.29 per cent of its $5.57 billion in net sales. That averages out to $24,000 annually at each of its 654 stores. The liquor retailer says the shoplifting problem varies in severity from store to store, but is a problem in all corners of the province.

For instance, theft has become so common at a Thunder Bay LCBO that staff have stopped notifying police, according to tbnewswatch.com.

The LCBO has purchased 125,000 BottleLox contraptions in all, and individual stores will decide which bottles to attach them to.

BottleLox is a U.K.-based company whose locks are used at many grocers and minimarts that sell liquor across Europe and in the U.S., including Safeway, Kmart, Sears and Albertsons, to name a few.

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POVERTY

Income gap is growing

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The latest Vital Signs report from the Toronto Foundation makes Sean Meagher worried.

"I'm deeply saddened that we continue to be Canada's leader in child poverty," said the executive director of Social Planning Toronto.

"We're one of the richest cities in the world and yet we can't find a way to invest in ensuring that everybody gets a piece of that prosperity. It's a shame, really."

The annual snapshot of life in Toronto shows the gap between rich and poor in the city is larger than in other regions of the country — and it's growing twice as fast.

While the median income in Toronto stands at $72,830, a member of the "top one per cent" in Toronto earns an average salary of $326,800, according to the report.

The full report can be found at torontosvitalsigns.ca.

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Ryerson facelift to change core

School and streets it occupies will be more about people, less about cars

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Ryerson University is getting more people-friendly.

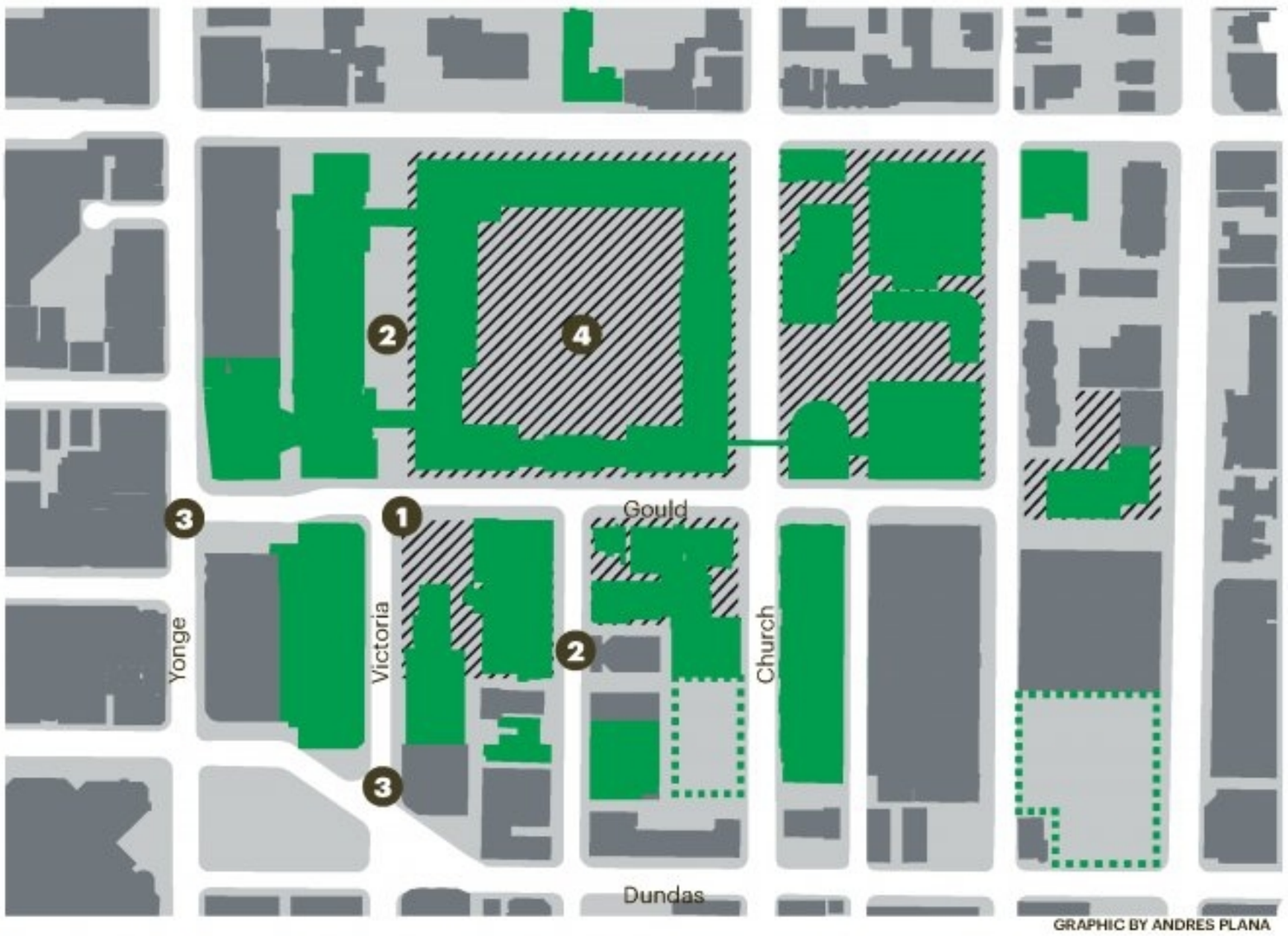
The school's public realm policy, unveiled Wednesday, looks at campus life at street level and includes changes to street furniture, curb design, green spaces and lighting.

"This is about improving safety, accessibility and quality of place on our campus," said Michael Forbes, Ryerson's communications director. The first project will transform Gould Street, closed to cars since 2011.

"That street is the heart of our campus and bustles with activity, but it's not all that it could be," he said.

Other projects will improve campus laneways and street intersections.

Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam said the city has allocated $2 million to the Ryerson plan. "By the time we're finished with the Yonge Street revitalization as well as this Ryerson plan, it's going to be a brand new downtown," she said.



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1 Gould Plaza and Nelson Mandela Walk: The road will be raised to sidewalk level and the area north of Victoria Street will become a pedestrian priority public space.

2 Inner campus streets: Other streets in the core campus will become more pedestrian friendly, with speed reductions and improved streetscaping.

3 Campus entrances: Areas where the campus merges into downtown, eg. Yonge and Gould or Dundas Victoria streets, will be given wider pedestrian boulevards and narrower roads for cars.

4 Campus Green: The plan is to maximize public use of both Community Park and Pitman Quad, the two largest green spaces on campus. More furnishing and plants will allow for more seating, as well as public programming like movies, festivals and farmers markets.

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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus

Students want say in new guidelines

University of Toronto's draft policy 'vague'

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Students at the University of Toronto are calling for a larger seat at the table as the school develops new sexual violence guidelines.

Under new provincial legislation, all universities and colleges must establish place standalone sexual assault and harassment policies by January 2017.

UofT released its draft policy in September, but some student groups are critical of the document and the process, saying both fail to reflect their voices.

Ellie Ade Kur, a PhD student and a co-founder of the campus' Silence is Violence chapter, said focus groups were held during the summer, when many students weren't around. Fall consultations organized by student unions were not well attended, she said, as some conflicted with frosh week.

"There's not much time to take this in, digest it and critique it," she said.

Ade Kur, who reported a sexual assault to the university as an undergraduate, is one of the women featured in Metro's ongoing series about sexual assault on Canadian campuses.

She called UofT's draft policy "incredibly vague" and worries it will allow the university to maintain the status quo when it comes to sexual assault on campus.

Ade Kur added the policy also makes no mention of rape culture, and isn't specific enough about training or accountability for front-line workers.

UofT spokeswoman Althea Blackburn-Evans said the draft policy is the product of nearly two years of consultations.

She added the draft includes a "number of significant changes," including distinguishing between disclosing incidents and making a formal report, and said education of front-line workers is a key priority.

Students have the opportunity to comment on the draft policy before it's finalized, Blackburn-Evans said.

"We really want to get it right. We want to hear from our community," she said, adding all students and staff can provide feedback through an online forum.

But Cassandra Williams, vice-president of university affairs for the University of Toronto Students' Union, called the consultations "inadequate."

"There have been concerns about every aspect of the policy, every aspect of the university's processes pertaining to sexual violence, and really I think the university just needs to be sending a message that says 'we believe survivors, we support survivors,'" she said.

Ellie Ade Kur, co-founder of the campus' Silence is Violence chapter. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus — Day 3: The U.S. & U.K examples

We have much to learn

Canada is far from the only nation struggling to recognize and combat campus sexual assault, but we're well behind the more proactive U.S. and only so far ahead of the lagging U.K.

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

In 1985, the year I was born, the feminist Ms. Magazine published a groundbreaking national survey of campus rape in the U.S.

There has since been research in New Zealand, Canada and the U.K. — and Australia is about to embark on a landmark 40-school study.

So: The struggle to admit to, get a clear picture of and eliminate campus sexual assault is as old as I am; and Canada is by no means alone.

In fact, in terms of government regulation and accountability, we're stuck somewhere in between the more advanced U.S. and the lagging U.K.

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In the American system, education falls under federal jurisdiction. That has been key to a far more aggressive and proactive stance on campus-sexual assault. President Barack Obama's high-profile focus is only the latest chapter.

In 1990, the U.S. passed the Clery Act, which made it mandatory for universities to report sexual assaults, to have a dedicated policy and to offer supports for survivors. There was also Title IX, an amendment to education laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex. It was first passed in 1972 and began to be applied to sexual assault and harassment in the 1980s, beginning with a policy memorandum from the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education. That led to sexual-assault-survivor lawsuits against schools.

But then came Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District. The 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which centred on sexual misconduct between a teacher and student at a Texas high school, but which also applied to post-secondary institutions, held that schools were only liable for sexual assaults and harassment if they did not act after learning of them.

The ruling had a chilling effect on the lawsuits, and a period of inertia and apathy followed, said Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor and leading advocate on campus sexual assault. Schools "became much more worried about being sued by these alleged perpetrators," she said.

In 2011, the Obama administration released its 19-page "Dear Colleague" letter — a directive from the U.S. Department of Education — that called sexual violence discriminatory and a crime and explicitly stated universities' requirements to deal with it.

"It was pretty minimal," Dauber said. "It was, 'Stop violating civil rights.... You have to have a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints, and you have to tell the victim the outcome.'"

After the letter, students began filing complaints to the Office for Civil Rights. In May of 2014, the agency had more than 50 open files against schools, including Harvard and Princeton.

That same year, Obama launched the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the "It's On Us" campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault, for which Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson.

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In the U.K., thanks to guidance over two decades old, some universities have avoided any kind of reporting or disciplinary policies around sexual assault. And there is no national legislation mandating either.

In 1994, Graham Zellick, then president of Queen Mary and Westfield College, led a task force on university disciplinary practices. The resulting report bluntly advised against investigating sexual assault: "Internal action for rape and sexual assault is out of the question," read the so-called Zellick guidelines, unless there's a guilty criminal verdict.

But a recent legal brief has challenged the stasis. Independently commissioned by the advocacy group End Violence Against Women Coalition and released in January of 2015 by human-rights lawyer Louise Whitfield, the brief argues schools that follow the Zellick guidelines "are failing to protect women students and are very likely to be in breach of the law."

"That legal opinion really did focus minds," said Rachel Krys, co-director of EVAWC. "Women's human rights — and we have rights to equality and not be discriminated against — all of those were being ignored."

Recent media investigations found one in three university women faced sexual harassment or assault and that schools had uneven or absent policies for tracking assaults.

In September 2015, amid mounting pressure, the U.K. business secretary ordered schools to investigate so-called "lad culture" on campuses. Universities U.K., the body representing executive heads, in March announced "an overwhelming need" to revise the Zellick rules. And this fall, it's expected to release its report and possibly a new set of stricter guidelines for schools.

"I don't think universities want to get this wrong," Krys said. "I think they want to just know what they have to do."

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U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson for the "It's On Us" campaign

Schools should not wait for the conclusion of a criminal investigation to begin their own investigation and, if needed, must take immediate steps to protect the student.

From a 2011 "Dear Colleague" directive released by the Obama administration

We believe it is not for the victim complainant to determine that the matter should be handled internally rather than externally.

From a 1994 report on U.K. university practices, led by Graham Zellick

Though the U.K., U.S. and Canada have different legal systems, different legislation and different accountability mechanisms surrounding sexual assault on campus, the countries share one overarching similarity: institutional failure.

Survivors of sexual assault from schools in all three countries echo each other: The school dragged its heels, the school gave an excuse not to investigate and the school didn't tell the survivor the outcome of an investigation.

This means that legislation in and of itself isn't enough. Even in the face of laws, schools can and will fail to comply. And it shows the effects of systems with plenty of carrots and no meaningful sticks. No American school has ever lost federal funding over sexual-assault cases.

"Relying on human decency in this area is not the way to go," Dauber said.

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The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

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POLITICS

Critics asking how it will affect people, businesses

The Liberal government's decision to impose a national floor price on carbon emissions dominated the House of Commons on Tuesday, with critics saying the plan punishes consumers while doing little to combat climate change.

All but lost in the immediate, breathless reaction was the reality that the plan announced a day earlier by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won't have much impact, if any, on 87 per cent of Canadians — or their carbon footprint — for the next four years.

That's because the rising floor price on CO2 emissions laid out in the federal Liberal plan starts at $10 per tonne and takes until 2021 to catch up with and surpass existing carbon taxes already imposed by British Columbia and Alberta.

A group of 22 high-profile business and civil leaders endorsed the plan Tuesday, saying Canada is simply pricing emissions "as most of the world's biggest economies are doing."

The plan's cautious approach, however, is being overshadowed by Trudeau's audacious communications gambit.

Trudeau announced the national floor price Monday in the Commons just as federal, provincial and territorial ministers were meeting in Montreal to negotiate a pan-Canadian carbon plan.

Three provincial ministers left the Montreal meeting early to protest the high-handed federal move, and opposition parties remained in high dudgeon Tuesday.

Faced with such discordant assessments, the debate naturally landed on the bottom line: What's it going to cost me?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Brad Wall's Saskatchewan Party each offered up estimates for the annual cost to an average family, starting at $1,250 a year and topping out at more than $2,500. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at a children's party with Prince George and Princess Charlotte in Victoria, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Creepy' video of Royals' visit confuses viewers

A "creepy" video of the recent royal tour in Canada has left some viewers gobsmacked.

Kensington Palace tweeted out the short video on Saturday of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with Prince George and Princess Charlotte at an outdoor children's party in Victoria.

The family moves around in slow motion, playing with bubbles and balloons, to the sound of lagging, thumping music.

Many people posted comments describing the video as "creepy" and "morose," while others compared it to a trailer for a horror movie.

The video shows three-year-old George squirting bubbles out of a fish-like gun while his sister Charlotte, 16 months old, tries to hug a rabbit. There are also shots of a puppeteer and a man making balloon animals.

Not so scary — until you see it in slow motion and slightly darkened.

"I feel like I just watched the trailer for the sequel to #TheShining," responded one person.

"Reminds me of the Terminator movie when Linda Hamilton is pushing her baby in the swing before all hell breaks loose," said another.

The jokes continued: "After watching this, I'm anxiously awaiting the terrifying sequel: George and Charlotte Return! #budgetissues?"

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HOUSING MARKET

Vancouver home sales plunged 33% last month

Home prices in Metro Vancouver's once-surging real estate market are on the cusp of falling, housing experts say, as new figures show another month of plunging home sales in the region.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver published a report on Tuesday revealing a 32.6 per cent drop in September home sales compared with the same month last year. That follows a 26 per cent year-over-year decline in August and a dip of about 19 per cent the previous month.

"This looks like the top of the hump," said Tom Davidoff, an economist at the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

"Typically, before prices fall, transaction volumes fall. It looks like that's the direction in which we're heading."

Government officials have been scrambling in recent months to cool Vancouver's sizzling real estate market, as surging prices continue to push home ownership further out of reach for the average resident.

Experts are divided on the reasons for the latest decline in sales.

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'Everything is gone': Hurricane still rages

WEATHER

Matthew threatens U.S. as people rush to stock up

Officials in coastal Hyde County, N.C., issued a state of emergency as Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti's southwestern tip with howling, 145 mph winds Tuesday, tearing off roofs in the poor and largely rural area, uprooting trees and leaving rivers bloated and choked with debris. At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean.

Forecasters said Matthew could hit Florida toward the end of the week and push its way up the East Coast over the weekend. The forecast triggered a rush by Americans to stock up on food, gasoline and other emergency supplies.

The dangerous Category 4 storm blew ashore around dawn in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, hitting a corner of Haiti where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks. It unloaded heavy rain as it swirled on toward a lightly populated part of Cuba and the Bahamas.

Damage in the hardest-hit part of Haiti appeared to be widespread, but because of poor communications, blocked roads and washed-out bridges, the full extent was not immediately clear.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, including one person whose home was crushed by a tree in Port Salut and a 26-year-old man who drowned trying to rescue a child who had fallen into a rushing river, authorities said. The child was saved.

Four deaths were recorded in the neighbouring Dominican Republic and one each in Colombia and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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Children are pictured in La Puya, Santo Domingo on Tuesday after Hurricane Matthew passed through Hispaniola — the island that the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SYRIA

Government presses in on Aleppo offensive

Forces backing Syrian President Bashar Assad pressed their offensive Tuesday on Aleppo's rebel-held zone from the south, after capturing areas on other fronts in recent days. As reinforcements arrived, including Shiite fighters from Iraq, the strategy appeared to be to retake rebel-held areas bit by bit, backed by massive Russian airpower, rather than risk a potentially costly all-out ground battle.

Tuesday's offensive on the city's besieged rebel-held eastern neighbourhoods came a day after Washington suspended direct U.S.-Russian talks on a Syria ceasefire.

The latest tactic of whittling away at rebel-held areas of Aleppo rather than launching an all-out offensive has proved successful in the past: The government reasserted control of the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, and most of the central city of Homs using the strategy.

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U.S. ELECTION

Kaine slams Trump as 'selfish' and 'me-first'

Sen. Tim Kaine aggressively defended running mate Hillary Clinton's character, one of her chief campaign weaknesses, in Tuesday night's vice-presidential debate. He slammed Donald Trump as someone who "always puts himself first" and questioned how his No. 2 could stand by him.

"I can't imagine how Gov. Pence can defend the insult-driven, selfish, me-first style of Donald Trump," Kaine said of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence, a mild-mannered Midwesterner, panned the Democratic ticket as promising frustrated Americans "more of the same." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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PAUL WELLS ON CHANGES IN THE SENATE

Trudeau's 2014 changes are likely to be permanent. The Senate's party lines need bear no relation to the Commons'. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky.

It is only fair to let you know there are rumblings from the Senate. "I think that what you're seeing here is a transformation," Sen. Thomas Johnson McInnis told a roomful of reporters on Tuesday. "What you have here are independent thinkers."

Sen. McInnis is a former minister of this and that in the interminable Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative government of John Buchanan, who retired in 1990, and in the less durable administration of Buchanan's successor, Roland Thornhill. He ran federally in Dartmouth in 2000, in what would turn out to be the last election the Progressive Conservatives ever contested, and the result for him was not better than the result for most candidates from his party that year.

Stephen Harper put McInnis in the Senate in September of 2012. Two months later, the Ottawa Citizen started asking questions about Mike Duffy's housing expenses, and life just hasn't been very fun up there in the Red Chamber ever since.

But perhaps that is changing. Duffy was acquitted on all charges. Charges against Patrick Brazeau were dropped, and none will be pressed against Pamela Wallin. But most important, the very composition of the Senate is — maybe! arguably! — changing under Justin Trudeau.

In January 2014, without a day's warning, Trudeau kicked every Liberal senator out of the party's national caucus in Ottawa. The move was widely dismissed as rookie theatrics from a man who didn't understand Parliament. In March of this year, freshly in office as prime minister, Trudeau appointed seven new senators and told them they could vote and speak as they pleased. He will soon name 20 more. Suddenly for the first time, these nominal independents will outnumber Conservatives and the remaining Liberals-without-a-caucus.

What do Trudeau's Senate changes mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case.

What does it all mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case. It's had "passionate discussion, if not outright argument and debate," McInnis said. Oh, you scamps. Its conclusions?

Well, on the big questions, you'll just have to wait. Senators are not in the habit of rushing. They released only the first of two reports on Tuesday, and it's the second that will answer the crucial question facing a post-Trudeau Senate: if nobody in the place is beholden to a Liberal government, what's the nature of its obligation to pass legislation passed by the elected House of Commons?

Tuesday's interim recommendations addressed less fundamental questions in ways that still managed to be entertaining. The Senate's proceedings should at last be televised and webcast, they said. If the Commons sends up an omnibus bill to change a few dozen disparate laws at once, senators should be able to chop it into bits and consider them separately. And, finally, any decent-sized group of senators (nine or more) who want to sit in any durable combination should be recognized as a "caucus," with budget and staffing to match.

These changes are likely to make Trudeau's 2014 changes permanent. There might be groups with internal cohesion in the Senate, but they need bear no particular relation to the makeup of the Commons. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky. Serge Joyal, who was a Liberal for decades but is now, well, a Liberal — terminology is tricky up there — said that, from the moment he was no longer welcome in Trudeau's caucus room, "Ben, il y a, comme on dit en anglais, 'No strings attached.' "

Elaine McCoy, appointed as a Progressive Conservative by Paul Martin after the federal Progressive party had voted to abolish itself, pronounced herself chuffed to have so many colleagues, on deck and coming soon, who feel no particular party affiliation.

How will laws get passed? There used to be room for quiet tradeoffs in government caucus meetings, Joyal said. Now there'll have to be open bargaining between Liberals and… these people. "It's about power," Joyal said. "As my mother would say to me, don't try to show to an old monkey how to make faces." I felt a sudden pang of regret that I never met Serge Joyal's mother.

Justin Trudeau's Senate upheaval foreshadowed, as we are now seeing, his management style in general. He may take a long time to decide, but when he does, you sure notice the decision. If there are noses out of joint, let them be out of joint. It's how he replaced one Clerk of the Privy Council with another. It's how he made climate policy this week. The announcement takes only a minute. The consequences take years to play out.

FACES YOU CAN TRUST From right: Senators Thomas Johnson McInnis, Serge Joyal Elaine McCoy — members of the Senate committee on modernization — hold a press conference in Ottawa on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

You say 'politically correct elitism' like it's a bad thing

When Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch launched another fundraising push last month, she called for bravery among her fellow conservatives.

"Together we will stand up to those who don't want to discuss Canadian values and whose politically correct elitism remains tone deaf to the views of most Canadians," she wrote in an email, referencing her plan to screen immigrants for "anti-Canadian values."

It's proved an ineloquent but revealing sentence.

To begin with, "Canadian values" don't mean indigenous values, obviously. They mean white, colonial values. And, as it turns out, most Canadians really do seem worried about the integration of immigrants. A full 68 per cent of Canadians want immigrants to "do more" to fit in, compared to only 53 per cent of Americans, according to an Angus Reid Institute/CBC survey released this week.

Sixty-eight per cent, up by more than 11 points since 1993. Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said the increased desire for more assimilation "is something that bears watching, particularly because that view has hardened over the last 25 years."

A question we never ask of polling data, though, is whether those majority views are really worth defending. Or, to use Leitch's words: Is "politically correct elitism" really that bad? Could it be just a basic call to lean towards, oh, I don't know, human decency over fear-mongering, racism and xenophobia? Calling out "politically correct elitism" was Step 1 in the Donald J Trump Manual for How to Get Away with Hate Speech — is it a great card to play here?

As for whether evil left-wing sorcerers are controlling us all like ventriloquists, let's examine the reality, shall we? The reality is we are in the middle of a new era of race and identity conversations in Canada. In just the last month:

A police officer and a black man in Greater Toronto "swapped lives" for a day for a CBC news report.

Vancouver CKNW radio host Ian Power turned a segment on immigration into personal complaints about being white in a mostly non-white neighbourhood.

A Globe and Mail investigation discovered Maryam Monsef was born in Iran, not Afghanistan, and criticisms of birtherism arose north of the border. The Globe and Mail also launched a podcast on race, called Colour Code.

That's not to mention Black Lives Matter or the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry or many, many other examples.

Undoubtedly, as Leitch puts out the call for money, she's playing to fears of what Canada will look like in 50 years, when immigration trends will almost certainly push white Canadians out of the majority.

A crucial question to ask but, crucially, not one to fear.

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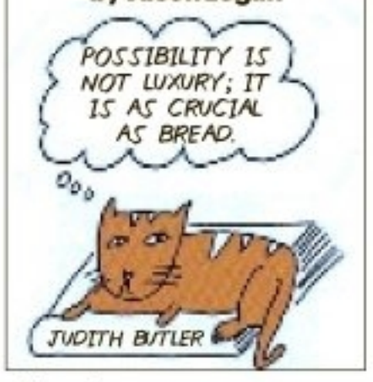

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Pumpkin served up steamy

RECIPE

This autumnal soup is a silky, smooth dose of fall warmth

During the cold weather, my motto is that any vegetable that can be puréed, will be puréed. And no vegetable does such a good job of blending into silky, soupy submission quite like the pumpkin.

Its subtle sweetness shines through with each bite, balancing savory onion, forest-like sage, and a smoky pumpkin seed garnish.

Often, when I eat vegetable soups, I never feel entirely satisfied; soup is always the partner of something heartier, but this deeply rich one carries me through even the most active, blustery fall and winter afternoons.

Simple Roasted Pumpkin Soup with Smoky Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Serves 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 (2–3 pound) sugar pumpkin or other small roasting pumpkin, peeled, seeds reserved, and cut into rough pieces
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into rough pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled, left whole
- 8 whole fresh sage leaves
- 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cups low-sodium vegetable stock
- 2 Tbsp 35% heavy whipping cream or full-fat coconut milk, plus more for serving
- Smoky Roasted Pumpkin Seeds (recipe follows) for serving

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. On a large-rimmed baking sheet, toss pumpkin, onion, garlic, and sage with oil, salt, and pepper. Roast for 45 minutes.
3. Transfer vegetables to a blender or large pot for blending with an immersion blender, along with stock and cream (if your blender jug is small, you may need to do this in batches); blend until smooth.
4. Transfer to a large pot to heat over medium, stirring often, until very hot. Serve with a swirl of cream and sprinkle of pumpkin seeds.

Notes: If you prefer a thinner soup, add vegetable stock 1/2 cup at a time until desired consistency.

Soup can be frozen for up to 3 months.

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Makes 1/2 cup

A crunchy, high protein snack, roasted pumpkin seeds do the heavy lifting anywhere you need a touch of crunch.

Sprinkle on soups, salads, trail mix, yogurt, ice cream, pie, or simply enjoy by the handful, it's hard to go wrong with this seasonal treat.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup fresh pumpkin seeds, cleaned and dried well, or raw, unsalted green pumpkin seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika (mild or hot)
- 1/2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 tsp salt

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a large-rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Add all ingredients to baking sheet, tossing well to combine. Spread into a single layer.
3. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes if using sugar pumpkin seeds or 10 to 15 minutes if using green pumpkin seeds, until brown and beginning to pop.
4. Cool completely. Store airtight at room temperature for up to 1 week.

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SYNOPSIS

With this new book, popular blogger Allison Day brings pumpkin into our homes with a seasonal, whole foods recipe set.

These rich soups are hearty enough to carry you through the most active blustery fall afternoons. ALLISON DAY/PURELY PUMPKIN: MORE THAN 100 SEASONAL RECIPES TO SHARE

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Stuffing often gets a bad rap for being too dry, too fatty, too soggy, or too bland. If that's been the case at your Thanksgiving feasts, consider switching out certain ingredients to better suit your expanding tastes.

Here are **three distinct flavours** to tempt your taste buds: spinach and paneer from Southern Asia; dried fruit and spicy beef from the Middle East; and rice with chestnuts and shiitake from Eastern Asia.

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1 Hemant Bhagwani's Spinach-Paneer Stuffing

Key ingredients: Spinach, paneer, garam masala

Bored of the traditional turkey dinner, Hemant Bhagwani's friends turned to Toronto's Indian Street Food Co. and Amaya Express owner to punch up the flavours of their usual Thanksgiving feast.

Ingredients (for the rice):
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) basmati rice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 1 pinch saffron threads or 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric

Directions:
1. In a medium-sized pot over medium heat, bring rice, water and saffron to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low on a gentle simmer. Continue to simmer until rice is tender. Remove lid and fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the spinach paneer stuffing):
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola or vegetable oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cumin seeds
- 1 minced green Thai chili
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1 finely chopped large Spanish onion
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped fresh ginger
- 8 cups (2 L) fresh spinach leaves
- 3/4 tsp (3 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) garam masala
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely chopped dried apricots
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) grated paneer

Directions:
1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add cumin and chili and sauté till fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, onion and ginger. Continue to cook for 5 minutes, or until onions become translucent.
2. Add spinach, salt, garam masala, and apricots. Continue cook until spinach wilts.
3. Mix spinach mixture with rice. Toss in grated paneer.
4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting, or keep warm in oven at 200F (100 C) until ready to serve.

2 Jonathan Poon's Chinese Sausage and Sticky Rice Stuffing

Key ingredients: Dried shiitake, chestnuts, Chinese sausage

Chef Jonathan Poon of Toronto's Bar Fancy didn't celebrate Thanksgiving as a kid, but he did make stuffing for his family at Christmas, and he'd take cues from a dim sum staple: sticky rice with braised soy sauce chicken and Chinese sausage. This is a take on Poon's sticky rice stuffing.

Ingredients (for the rice):
- 2 cups (500 mL) white glutinous rice, rinsed
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) cold water
- In a large pot, soak rice in water for 30 minutes.

Directions:
1. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer until liquid has been absorbed. Fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the chicken):
- 3/4 cup (180 mL) dried shiitake
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) boiling water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) light Chinese soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dark Chinese soy sauce
- 1 cup (250 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) roasted, peeled chestnuts, plus another • 1/4 cup (60 mL) for garnish
- 1 1/2 lbs (680g) chicken legs, skin on, bone in
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) finely diced Chinese sausage

Directions:
1. Submerge shiitake in a bowl of boiling water. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 20 minutes. Strain and reserve liquid. Discard stems. Slice mushrooms. Set aside.
2. In a medium-sized pan over medium heat, stir together reserved mushroom liquid, sliced mushrooms, ginger, garlic, light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, water, brown sugar, salt and 1/2 cup chestnuts. Add chicken legs in a single layer in pan. Cover and bring to a boil.
3. Turn heat down to medium and simmer until chicken is fully cooked, about 30 mins.
4. Remove chicken from pan. Remove skin and shred meat. Discard bones and skin. Add shredded meat back to liquid mixture. Continue cooking until most liquid evaporates.
5. Add mixture to cooked sticky rice. Mix.
6. Wipe pan. Sauté Chinese sausage until fragrant and translucent, three minutes. Add sausage and drippings to rice. Mix until well combined.
7. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

3 Maha Barsoom's Spiced Beef Stuffing

Key ingredients: Cardamom, apricots, cinnamon

The family behind Maha's, the busy Toronto brunch spot, makes it a point to celebrate holidays together, infusing Egyptian flavours into their turkeys.

Ingredients (for the rice):
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) jasmine rice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon

Directions:
1. In a large pot over medium-high heat, toast rice until fragrant and nutty, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add water and stir in cinnamon. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce to a medium heat and continue cooking covered until rice is tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Remove cover and fluff rice with fork.

Ingredients (for the spice beef mixture):
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) vegetable or canola oil
- 1 minced yellow onion
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped celery
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cardamom
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground nutmeg
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 1/2 lb (680g) lean ground beef
- 4 dried figs, diced
- 8 pitted dried dates, diced
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) golden raisins
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) sliced blanched almonds
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) honey
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, sauté onion, garlic, celery, cinnamon, cardamom and bay leaves until onions begin to become translucent, about 5 to 8 minutes.
2. Add beef and continue cooking until browned, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add apricots, dates, raisins and honey. Stir. Season with salt and pepper. Adjust seasoning to taste.
3. Add beef mixture to rice. Stir until well combined.
4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

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Adele's day off in T.O.

So you're Adele in Toronto this week for four sold-out shows at the Air Canada Centre, but in the middle of the visit, on Wednesday, you have a day off. What should she do? Here's some **diva-to-diva advice** for fun ways to spend a lovely fall day around the city.

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Get her Bey on

"Adele loves Beyonce, like the rest of humanity. In Toronto, there is a dance program called Beyography, where you can learn Beyonce's choreography," suggested Lainey Lui, co-host of CTV's The Social and founder of Lainey-Gossip.com. (Classes are held Wednesdays at Elevation Dancentre Studio, 979 Bloor St. W.)

A theatre date

Zoe Whittall, author of the Giller Prize-nominated The Best Kind of People, recommends a taste of quirky local theatre for the visiting superstar. "There is a funny, innovative play happening at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre right now called Blind Date, with actor/comedian Dave Tomlinson who is always a delight to watch."

Ah, the spa

Jen McNeely, founder and editor of shedoesthecity.com, said that if the Hello singer wanted "a little bit of peace from fans, I'd probably book myself into a spa. I go somewhere discreet so maybe Hammam Spa (602 King St. W.) for a hot stone massage." And, "For a nice meal, I thought of Ematei Sushi House on St. Patrick St. It is good (a longtime favourite of mine) and you can get sunken tables in curtained-off booths at the back."

Vintage shopping

Jen Agg, the local restaurateur behind The Black Hoof and Rhum Corner, suggested Adele take advantage of Toronto's vintage shopping, encouraging her to visit "VSP on Dundas West for amazing designer consignment and Courage My Love on Kensington Ave. for the best selection of used cashmere."

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Building a better minivan

REVIEW

New Pacifica far superior to its predecessor

Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

You might think that minivans are going extinct with the rate at which everyone is jumping on the SUV bandwagon, but minivan sales were booming in the first half of 2016, and the all-new Chrysler Pacifica just hit dealer lots in May. It should be a big second half and possibly the best year since 2008 for minivans.

Some of you may recall the Pacifica name from an early (failed) crossover experiment in Chrysler's past, but this is something entirely different: This is the replacement for the Town & Country minivan, while Dodge's Grand Caravan continues on largely unchanged.

The platform is entirely new, using aluminum, magnesium and high-strength steel in key locations to make a lighter, stiffer frame, and the 3.6L Pentastar V6 is paired with Chrysler's new nine-speed automatic transmission, all of which should contribute to much-improved fuel economy. There is also a boatload of new tech on board, from a back-up camera and touchscreen display on base models to hands-free tailgate and driving assistance systems like lane departure warning and adaptive cruise control.

However, it's what hasn't changed that makes minivans great for families, and some standout features from Chrysler that make it a great minivan.

The trunk behind the third row alone has a whopping 915 litres with a deep well that means you can easily pack in running strollers, a couple bikes and other bulky items.

Of course, Chrysler minivans' claim to fame is Stow 'n' Go seats that collapse into the floor, which is standard for both rows in the Pacifica. Dropping the third row is as easy as yanking a strap and letting gravity do all the hard work. Getting them back up requires a bit more muscle, but is still plenty easy.

Quality, long a sore spot for FCA minivans is much improved, with convincing leather seats, carpeted cargo area, and soft-touch dash.

Out on the road, the Pacifica's mission is built right into its name, with a smooth ride and silky powertrain that provides a peaceful and quiet cabin in any situation. Its mission is comfort first, second and third, with a suspension that soaks up any road imperfections short of a bomb crater, and a transmission that shifts imperceptibly.

Despite a price tag for top trims that many just won't be able to accept, the Pacifica is a massive leap forward for Chrysler and minivans. It's stylish enough to draw attention from unexpected sources and has enough technology to satisfy today's demanding consumers.

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2018 Audi TT RS

After a hiatus of several years, Audi will launch the second-generation TT RS next summer, likely as a 2018 model, for somewhere around the $75,000 mark. At that price, it has its sights set squarely on such notable sports cars as the Porsche 718 Cayman and BMW M2. To even be considered in that company, Audi pulled out all the stops to create something competitive but distinct. **JONATHAN YARKONY** AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Engine
Although this 2.5-litre five-cylinder has the same displacement and core design as the one in the previous TT RS, it is completely new, starting from an aluminum block that replaces the iron block, and using magnesium, molybdenum and other light-weight metals and construction to save a total of 26 kilograms in the engine.

2 Power
All these tricks combine to deliv-er 400 horsepower at 5,850 rpm, and an unnaturally flat torque line of 49 kilogram-metres.

3 Steering
The adaptive steering gets quicker as you progress into your turn, and the car tracks well into corners.

4 Seats
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Electrics touted, but await their moment

ENVIRONMENT

Regulations could speed up arrival of 'E-Day'

When will electric-powered cars become a practical choice for ordinary people? The question hangs in the air at the Paris auto show, where Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and General Motors are showing off electric cars they hope are the on-ramp to a profitable future.

The raft of new vehicles lends buzz to electric cars. But earlier over-optimistic predictions have also bred skepticism.

Volkswagen compared its I.D. electric compact to its historic Beetle and mainstay Golf models and said it was the leading edge of 30 new electric models it plans to put out by 2025.

Daimler AG CEO Dieter Zetsche looked more Silicon Valley than Stuttgart, wearing faded jeans and sneakers to tout the Mercedes-Benz EQ, a battery-powered crossover SUV concept. The vehicle aims to illustrate the company's longer term strategy that connects electric cars with other new technology, such as autonomous driving and vehicle sharing.

France's Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal (C) examines a Twizy 45 Renault electric car during the Paris Motor Show. MEDINA MIGUEL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Zetsche said the company aimed for 10 electric vehicles by 2025, making up 15 to 25 per cent of global sales — a bold prediction he immediately tempered by saying that was based on "continued development of infrastructure and customer preferences."

He said "we need to prepare ourselves with all our resources for electric mobility as a mass phenomenon" yet remain flexible if demand is lower — or even higher — than predicted.

General Motors Co.'s European division Opel is showing off the Ampera-e, a rebadged version of the Chevrolet Bolt.

However, for now, the limited range and higher costs mean battery-powered vehicles have little attraction for regular folks trying to get the most for their money. They remain largely a niche market, often for people enthusiastic about new technology or the environment, and with the extra disposable income to act on that.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based Tesla has won attention with rising sales of electrics to well-heeled customers — but loses money.

Subsidies and incentives have been key in government efforts to help electric vehicles get a foothold. That has been the case in urban areas like Norway's greater Oslo area, around San Jose, Calif., and in Shanghai, China.

In the short run, at least, they help burnish companies' image as technologically advanced and environmentally friendly. Volkswagen is struggling to recover from a scandal over diesel cars rigged to cheat on emissions tests.

But companies are also laying the groundwork for the day when the cost of electric falls to, or below, that of internal combustion. It's a day that some analysts think is only a few years off. When that happens, sales could hit a tipping point — a moment carmakers want to be ready for.

The arrival of such an "E-Day" could be accelerated by increasing government regulation mandating lower average emissions and higher mileage. Electrics in the product lineup would help carmakers meet new, lower European Union limits on greenhouse gas emissions blamed by scientists for global warming that go into effect in 2021. In the U.S., nine states have followed California in adopting a requirement that 15 per cent of new vehicles sales be zero-emission vehicles by 2025. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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But there are a host of other factors to consider: the price of gas; the price of electricity; charging times; battery costs; the ease with which you can find places to charge up.

mlr SPORTS

Silencing the home fans: Before Tuesday's game, the road team was 6-2 in wild-card play-in games

Edwin Encarnacion rounds the bases after his game-winning home run against the Baltimore Orioles in the 11th inning at Rogers Centre. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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AL WILD-CARD GAME

Slugger's latest parrot walk sends dome into ecstasy

Edwin Encarnacion slammed a three-run homer in the 11th inning to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night in a drama-filled American League wild-card game.

Devon Travis singled with one out off Ubaldo Jimenez, a starter who was Baltimore's seventh pitcher on the night, and moved to third on Josh Donaldson's single. Then Encarnacion went to work, depositing the ball over the left-field fence.

The Jays dugout emptied, sending a jubilant mass of Toronto players onto the field. The capacity crowd chanted "Eddie, Eddie."

Toronto now faces Texas, the top seed in the American League, on Thursday in Arlington to open the five-game AL Division Series.

Both bullpens put on a show, putting up one zero after another. Then, in extra innings, the managers turned to starters with Francisco Liriano and Jimenez.

By then, the sellout crowd of 49,934 was living and dying with every called strike and ball.

Tied 2-2, the Jays sent in closer Roberto Osuna for the ninth. He needed 14 pitches to end it, striking out Mark Trumbo and Matt Wieters as the decibel level grew.

Toronto had a glorious chance to end it in its half of the ninth.

Donaldson doubled off Brad Brach down the left field line to open the inning. Encarnacion was intentionally walked, bringing up Jose Bautista who struck out. Darren O'Day needed just one pitch to induce Russell Martin to hit into the Jays' third double play of the night.

Osuna got one out in the 10th then left quickly with an apparent injury, bringing out Liriano who got the two remaining outs.

Bautista had a solo homer in the second inning for Toronto, which got six strong innings from starter Marcus Stroman and some great defence from Kevin Pillar, Troy Tulowitzki and Donaldson before a loud, passionate crowd under the stars at the Rogers Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Orioles slugger Mark Trumbo sucked the air out of Rogers Centre with a two-run shot in the fourth inning.
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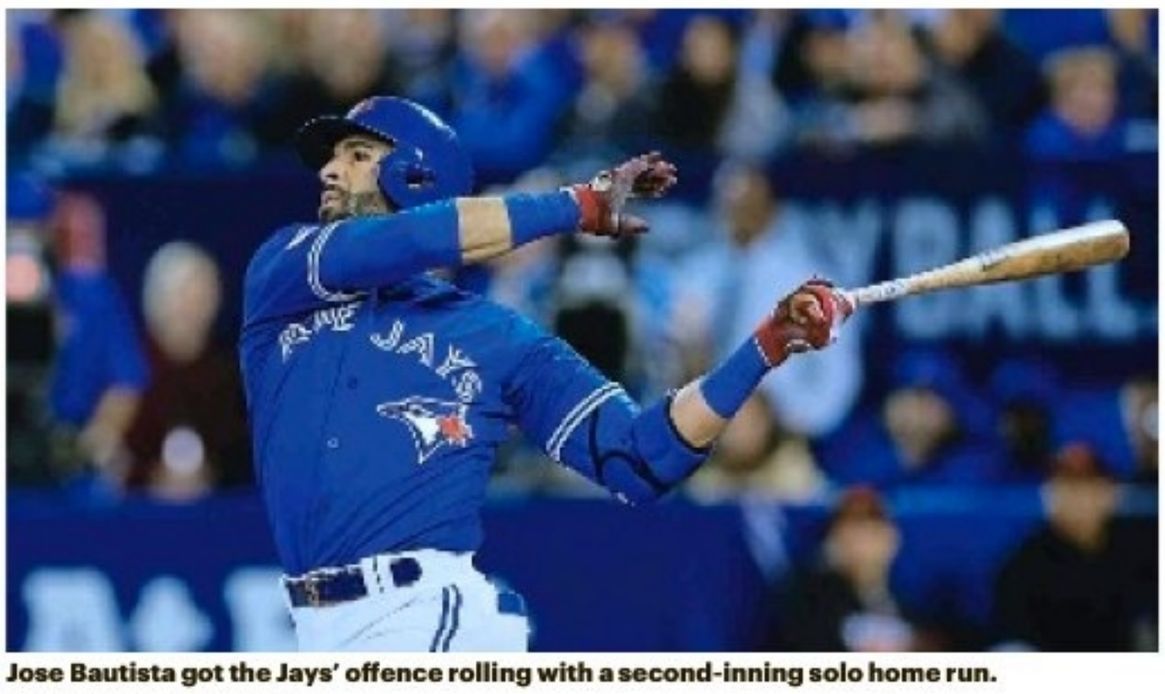

Jose Bautista got the Jays' offence rolling with a second-inning solo home run.
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AROUND MLB

Rangers mum on starter

The Texas Rangers have decided who their starting pitcher will be for the AL Division Series opener. Manager Jeff Banister just wasn't ready to make it public Tuesday.

But it will either be All-Star left-hander Cole Hamels (15-5, 3.32 ERA) or right-hander Yu Darvish (7-5, 3.41).

I think that I'm way more ready for the post-season this year.

Elvis Andrus on his misplayed grounder in last year's disastrous seventh inning of the ALDS-deciding fifth game at Toronto.

National League aces to face off in Queens

Playoff pitching matchups don't get much better than Wednesday night's.

Toting his outstanding October resumé to the mound, Madison Bumgarner will start for the San Francisco Giants against Noah Syndergaard and the New York Mets in the NL wild-card game in New York City.

The winner moves on to face the major league-best Chicago Cubs in the NLDS.

Lester gets Game 1 nod

Cubs manager Joe Maddon announced Tuesday he was going with Lester over Kyle Hendricks and 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta in Game 1 of the NLDS against the New York Mets or San Francisco Giants.

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Maturing Ross in search of consistency

RAPTORS

Swingman the best player on team through 2 pre-season tilts

It's hard to think of Terrence Ross as any kind of hardened NBA veteran. Toronto Raptors fans who have watched him over the years would equate him with a young carefree spirit, a bit irresponsible at times but a player with a good nature who seems to have fun.

He glances down the roster, looks at his teammates around the room, knows their ages and stumbles upon the fact that he's an old head at a young age.

"Everybody here is young, like I mean everybody here is young," Ross was saying after the Raptors lost to the Denver Nuggets in Calgary on Monday night. "It's crazy.

"Look around. I think I'm the oldest guy in the room. DeMar (DeRozan) and Kyle (Lowry) left, Pat (Patterson) is nowhere to be found, it's crazy."

Yeah, it is a little bit.

Of the players expected to be on Toronto's opening night 15-man roster, Ross, at a youthful 25, will probably be the fifth oldest player in uniform.

"I'm like the third oldest guy on the team now," he said, missing the mark by two. "I don't worry about the things I used to worry about, I don't stress, I just go out there and play."

So far, he's played well, too, perhaps the best Raptor overall in two exhibition games; that means little but it's better than being the worst.

"It's early," coach Dwane Casey warned. "The key word is consistency, I like what I see, I like his approach. He has a seriousness about his approach.

"The closer we get to the regular season, everybody has to have that seriousness about their approach."

A consistently good Ross would be a major bonus for the Raptors, who have lived through his mercurial moments for his entire career, seeing fleeting glimpses of a quick, long, excellent shooting swingman interspersed with games of invisibility.

It has been frustrating beyond the pale to Casey, the staff and Ross's teammates. They all know what he's capable of and at the point of exasperation when he goes missing for games on end.

A mature Ross might be able to avoid those ups and downs.

"There's responsibility for everybody, you go out and play the game and do what you do," Ross said. "People always gonna look at people, I never worried about it. If I worried about it, it'd be the death of me."

One area where Ross must be consistent in effort is defensively since he and the second unit don't have the luxury of a rim protector like Bismack Biyombo to bail them out any more.

"We're going to have to rely on each other more," Ross said.

"I just feel like with that being said, we all become better. The focal point of pre-season is the shell defence, staying together, everyone's on a string. That's going to help pick up the slack for rim protection."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ON TAP

The Raptors next play on Wednesday night at the Staples Center against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Terrence Ross, 25, is entering his fifth NBA season with the Raptors.

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ARGOS

Milanovich justifies surprising moves

The Toronto Argonauts will make their playoff push with Drew Willy at quarterback and Canadian rookies Brian Jones and Llevi Noel as starting receivers.

On Tuesday, Toronto head coach Scott Milanovich said Willy will remain under centre after making his first start in Sunday's 38-11 road loss to Montreal. Milanovich added the Argos' stunning decision Monday to release American receivers Vidal Hazelton, Kevin Elliott, Tori Gurley and Phil Bates was made to give Jones and Noel — the club's first- and fourth-round 2016 draft picks, respectively — the chance to play.

First-round pick Brian Jones

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"The biggest reason we made this move was because I don't think we're going to lose any production with Jones and Noel," Milanovich said. "It's time to give these guys an opportunity ... they can play the game.

"Any time we make a move like this, there's more than one reason and that's the case today as well. The biggest reason is because I think we've got younger players who can contribute and do as much on the field as what we've got."

The bold move comes with Toronto (5-9) standing third in the East Division behind Hamilton (6-8) and Ottawa (6-6-1) despite having lost seven of eight games.

The Argos face the league-leading Calgary Stampeders (12-1-1) on Monday at BMO Field.

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IN BRIEF

Final farewell to Palmer

The biggest names from all corners of the golf world gathered to celebrate the life of Arnold Palmer on Tuesday.

Palmer's private funeral for family members was Thursday, but his family wanted a public service to be held after the Ryder Cup, which the Americans won on Monday.

Phil Mickelson and most of the U.S. team descended upon Latrobe, Pa., along with leaders from the PGA Tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sharapova's doping ban reduced by nine months

Maria Sharapova will be eligible to return to competitive tennis in April after her two-year doping ban was reduced to 15 months on Tuesday by a sports court that found the Russian star bore no "significant fault" for her positive drug test and did not intend to cheat.

Sharapova, who tested positive for the banned heart medication meldonium, can return at the end of April.

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NHL PRE-SEASON

Former Leafs liability Kadri now setting tone in Toronto

Nazem Kadri fired a career-high 260 shots, but scored only 17 times for a career-low shooting percentage of 6.5 per cent last season. The Leafs veteran still wound up with 45 points in 76 games played. THE CANADIAN PRESS

After getting a look at Auston Matthews, William Nylander and Mitch Marner over the weekend, Maple Leafs head coach Mike Babcock mused that his talented but young players turned the puck over "just for fun."

Toronto coaches of old used to say similar things about Nazem Kadri.

"He had a lot of turnovers, and things he can probably get away with in junior hockey (that) you can't get away with in our league, let alone against a top team in the league," former Leafs coach Ron Wilson said of Kadri after his NHL debut in 2010.

Seven long and sometimes bumpy years later, much has changed.

Kadri, who turns 26 on Thursday, now expects to be the one doing things right. He said recently that the next step in his career was embracing "the whole leadership thing" on a squad that's flooded with youth.

"Just set a good example," Kadri said. "And that's something that I've really tightened up in the last couple years, just understanding how (the league) works, what it means to be in the NHL, what it means to put on an NHL jersey. Just setting that example, being a professional, doing things the right way, not cheating, just things like that."

The Leafs made a big show of faith in Kadri this past summer, signing the former first round pick to a six-year deal worth $27 million US. It was a rapid turnaround from barely one year earlier when team president Brendan Shanahan stepped in front of cameras and microphones and announced a team-imposed suspension for unsavoury off-ice behaviour.

Kadri, playing on a one-year make-or-break deal, responded with his best all-around season.

He more than held his own as Babcock's first option against Sidney Crosby, Alex Ovechkin and other top lines, leading the Leafs in scoring while remaining a positive puck possession player. He also won a career-high 49 per cent of his draws.

His role will look similar this year.

"And that's what I want," Kadri said. "I want to thrive in that role of playing against other team's top units, not just keeping them off the scoresheet, but having offensive scoring chances myself."

Kadri was unlucky offensively last year despite his team-leading production. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN PITTSBURGH

Crosby returns to work

Sidney Crosby's mini-vacation after the latest triumph lasted all of four days.

Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES

Sorry, but the process of defending a Stanley Cup waits for no one. So there Crosby was on Tuesday skating in line rushes with the rest of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates just five days removed from leading Team Canada to the World Cup of Hockey title.

And no, Crosby wasn't about to complain about being tired. That's simply not his way.

"When you're playing a lot of hockey it's more comfortable," Crosby said. "You just have to balance rest and recovery and making sure you're ready to play."

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RECIPE Roasted Butternut Squash and Pear Soup

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Butternut squash soup gets added sweetness from a pear purée.

Ready in 1 hour 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 lb. Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut lengthwise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear purée
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spread vegetables on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast 50 to 55 minutes, or until vegetables are fork tender. Let cool for 5 minutes.
2. Place vegetables and 2 cups of the vegetable broth into a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.
3. Pour the purée into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in the last cup of broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear purée and the remaining salt.
4. Allow the soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with a dollop of Greek style yogurt or sour cream mixed into soup.

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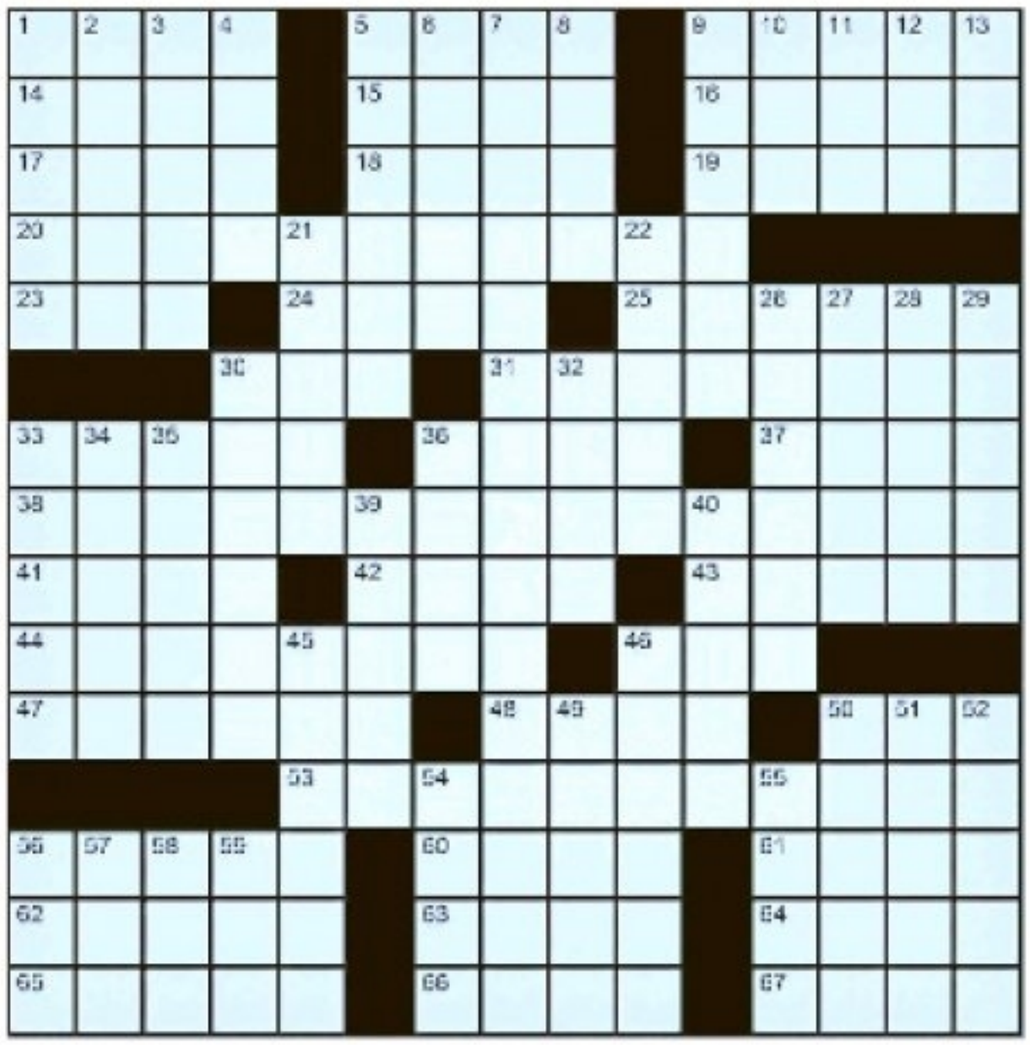

ACROSS
1. Pillow cover
5. Medic who's missing the 'OR'?
9. Loans
14. Parrot's waxy beak part
15. Beige
16. Anticipate
17. Portion
18. Belonging to Jay Z's wife, fun-style
19. Kaley's "The Big Bang Theory" character
20. The Prairies = Canada's __
23. Be under the weather
24. "It __ Me Babe" by The Turtles
25. __ yogurt
30. Charlemagne's li'l domain
31. Resort city of Mexico
33. Start
36. Smudge
37. Industrial region of Germany
38. Firearm used by French-explorer-to-Canada Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
41. Ancient city of Japan
42. Tortoise's competitor
43. Olde-style rewards
44. Set off
46. "The Dark Knight" (2008) star ...his initials-sharers
47. Tree types
48. Fight
50. Whiz's pal
53. Incredibly interesting
56. "Any Time __ __" by The Beatles
60. Prince Michael of __ (Queen Elizabeth's cousin)
61. Food thickener
62. CCR's "Born on the __"
63. "__ the Woods" (2014) starring Meryl Streep
64. Purplish
65. Folie __ __ (Foolishness shared by two)
66. Eminem song
67. Cobblestone

DOWN
1. __ diving
2. French artist, __ Toulouse-Lautrec
3. Princess in "The Little Mermaid" (1989)
4. Prefix to 'morphosis'
5. Carrie Fisher's mother Ms. Reynolds
6. __ liner
7. __ __ Beach Provincial Park, in Sambro Creek, Nova Scotia
8. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
9. Modern day typewriter
10. SHE-ep
11. Bert Bobbsey's twin
12. Rumpus
13. Trough locale
21. Sci-Fi villain Vader
22. Provide with weapons
26. Hospital heroines and heros
27. Outlandish occurrence
28. Hurt
29. Wrongdoings, in law
30. __ Strait (British Columbia body of water)
32. Veggie in a salad or a tea party sandwich, fun-style
33. 'Labor __ Vincit' (Oklahoma's state motto)
34. Types of flatbread
35. Remove the furniture paint
36. Ship
39. Capital of Tibet
40. Space shadow
45. Arrival, as crowds of people
46. Uri, for William Tell
49. One of Columbus' ships in 1492
50. Lively old dance of France
51. Pass, as law
52. Type of heron
54. Enjoys the winter resort
55. 1981 Tom Cruise movie
56. Lawyers org. in The States
57. Smidgen
58. "Absolutely.", at sea
59. Mr. Reed

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are ambitious today! You have big plans to do big things in a big way, and you want big recognition for your efforts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are excited about big travel plans for the future. Or perhaps your big ideas are about exploring opportunities in higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be confident when it comes to deciding how to share something today, like an inheritance. Be careful you are not so cocky that you give away the farm.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you have a conflict with a close friend or partner today, you might be overbearing. This is because you believe in what you want, and you believe you will get it!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can accomplish a lot today because you are energetic, enthusiastic and confident. This state of mind is all you need to get great results.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romance is strong today because your desiring nature is strong. However, you actively will seek out amusement and fun diversions. It's a great day for competitive sports!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are willing to move mountains to achieve what you want at home, especially regarding redecorating projects or renovations. (Librans care about how their home looks.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are so confident in your communications with others today that you will succeed in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You're the poster child for the power of positive thinking. .

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are willing to work hard to earn money today. You're ready to spend your money, as well! You've got big ideas that you intend to put into action.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today your energy level is high! This is why you will accomplish a great deal and bring certain projects to a successful conclusion. Go, go, go!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will feel happy. You will be proud of your achievements and hopeful for big results down the road.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your ability to work in conjunction with others today is top-notch. Your enthusiasm and energy will make you the leader of the pack.

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